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SUBJECT: ITALIAN-AMERICAN SEMINAR POSTPONED

1. ITALIAN PRESS OCTOBER 2 CARRIES REPORT THAT THE ROME BASED INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SEMINAR ON ITALY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK FROM OCTOBER 24-26 HAS BEEN POSTPONED SINE DIE. ACCORDING TO CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND PAESE SERA, THE INSTITUTE HAS INDICATED THAT THE REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT IS THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOT TO GRANT A VISA TO ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) FOREIGN SECTION CHIEF SERGIO SEGRE AND OTHER POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PCI. IN A RELEASE TO THE PRESS, THE INSTITUTE ALSO NOTES WITH REGRET THE POLITICAL AND PRESS SPECULATION WHICH THIS ISSUE HAS FUELED.

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2. THE PCI HAS RESTRICTED ITSELF TO STATING THAT SEGRE

HAD NOT APPLIED FOR AN AMERICAN VISA, AND TO REFERRING INQUIRIES TO THE INSTITUTE. THIS IS IN LINE WITH SEGRE'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT TO AN EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD NOT APPLY FOR A VISA IF IT WOULD BE REFUSED AND THAT THE PCI ITSELF DOES NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN OPEN POLEMICS WITH US OVER THE VISA QUESTION. VOLPE

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